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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1130
By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Irene McCrary upon her receipt of the Residential Beautification Award for 2002.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to honor those exemplary citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy citizen is Irene McCrary who has received the 2002 Residential Beautification Award for her outstanding lawn and garden; and

WHEREAS, annually granted to homeowners who perform the majority of their own gardening, the Residential Beautification Award recognizes extraordinary Fountain City homes and their yards during the Fountain City Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McCrary was presented the Residential Beautification Award on Memorial Day, May 27, 2002, during a special presentation, which followed a memorial service at the Fountain City Park; and

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WHEREAS, when Irene McCrary and her late husband, Jack McCrary, first bought their home, their lawn was an old pine thicket; for the past forty years, she has diligently planted, pruned, and nurtured her yard into the charming refuge of lush green grass and vibrant flowers and plants it is today; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McCrary's beautiful garden features a stunning assortment of dogwoods, azaleas, rhododendrons, lilac bushes, tulips, irises, creeping flox, candytuft, and numerous other varieties of flowers, bushes, and trees; and

WHEREAS, her lawn is a charming mixture of both old and young plants and trees; bordering her home's front sidewalk are two grand old dogwood trees that are approximately thirty-five years of age, and at the corner of her house stands a forty-year old holly bush; and

WHEREAS, Irene McCrary has most recently experimented with adding new perennials to her garden; she has also learned to identify dogwood seedlings, which she has replanted along her property line; and

WHEREAS, the Residential Beautification Award is not the first honor Ms. McCrary has received for her lawn and garden; her home is a designated stop on the Fountain City Dogwood Arts Festival Trail; and

WHEREAS, a conscientious member of her community, she has dedicated her time and considerable talents to numerous civic organizations, including the Fontinalis Club, American Family Association, and the Knoxville Executive Club; and

WHEREAS, an active and valuable member of the Fountain City Republican Club, Irene McCrary has served with distinction as the club's President, Vice-President, and Secretary; and

WHEREAS, a highly-respected leader in her community and party, Ms. McCrary serves as the Knox County GOP Vice-Chair and as Chairperson of the Shannondale Precinct of the 35th Ward; and

WHEREAS, she is a faithful member of the Buffatt Heights Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Irene McCrary epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. McCrary for her dedication to her community and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor Irene McCrary upon her receipt of the 2002 Residential Beautification Award, commend her years of steadfast work to improve and beautify her community, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.